

Saint Patrick Academy  
Mokence, Illinois

J.M.J.

September 4, 1949.

Rev. Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.,  
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Rev. dear Father:

Thank you very much for your letter of July 29. It was a big help to me and I will continue to profit by it. I have wanted to write to you several times since I received it but the summer has been a very heavy one and a difficult one.

The past two weeks in particular have been particularly trying. The day our retreat closed, Rev. Mother Rose Mary left immediately for Canada. Rev. Mother St. Emily and Mother Agatha, a general councillor are returning to France. They leave from New York on Sept. 8. This meant that Rev. Mother was not here when the changes were made. I was delegated to take Mother St. Eugene to Manteno and install her as superior. Mother St. Claire installed the others - Mother Mary at Beaverville, Mother Viator here and Mother Mary Eleanore at Hot Springs.

The two past weeks since Mother Viator's arrival have been at times a veritable hell for me. Mother and I were very close friends before my entrance into religious life. Father Moisant had also been Mother Viator's spiritual father - in fact, it was he who sent Mother Viator to us from her home in Oregon. During the years which have elapsed, we have never been together much and while we remained close friends, the feeling has not been the same. Mother is an excellent religious and a very holy soul - however, she and I are opposites in practically everything. I was not anxious to have her as superior but I did my best to accept her in the spirit in which I should. She wishes me to be her assistant - and naturally speaking, I do not wish it.



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I have done my best to initiate her in to the routine of the house here. Our ideas, however, again, are exactly the opposite. I see black where she sees white and vice versa. If obedience was hard before, it is very much more so now. I simply cannot agree with her; she has found fault with much in the house and while she has reason, no doubt to do so, it has enervated and angered me. I have missed Mother St. Eugene very much. I have tried so hard to cooperate, to be pleasant, agreeable and amiable - meanwhile the storm continued to rage within me. Thursday of this past week, we had a surprise visit from Father Moisant. I felt that he came for Mother Viator so I purposely remained away. I saw him for a short time before he left. I felt that I could not speak to him as formerly for I could not hurt him by speaking against one whom he loved so much. He evidently sensed the situation for he bade me speak freely to him. He was not surprised for he said when he heard that Mother was coming here, he knew that there would be a clash of will between us since we are diametrically the opposite. Father encouraged me to tell him all - which I did. It helped much - but it did not change my feelings. Father told me that it was a lack of complete surrender on my part - that I was not giving God what He wished of me. He bade me give in, go along with Mother, and give God the complete surrender of my will and judgment. He told me to be happy through it all - that God was not served when the soul was suffering. He urged me to be happy in my service and not to constantly worrying and troubling myself over things. I had only a short visit with Father - but I felt later that God must have sent him. That evening and the next morning, the First Friday, I prayed so hard that God would give me the grace to surrender completely and to give me



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peace of soul. For a few moments during the morning, Daylight seemed to appear - then the same struggle continued. I cannot understand why God has permitted this along with all the rest - yet I know I should not question why. I knew that I would have a difficult time but I never realized that it would be <sup>so</sup> hard.

Our children are coming in to-day and to-morrow and our classes open on Wednesday, the 7th. We have decided to continue our year of reparation to our Lady of Fatima in honor of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Much good was done last year with our work of reparation and we hope to continue this year. We are working out a plan similar to that of last year but we are changing the practice and the ejaculation for each month. We are linking it up with thoughts from the gospels - so that we shall really be leading the children to Jesus through Mary. When we have it completely worked out, I shall send you a copy. I know that you are always interested in what we are doing.

I am likewise emphasizing the work of the Tarcisians and aiming to have all of our schools adopt it. Father Cuthbert has told me of a case where a supervisor urged its adoption and that while formerly the community was in dire need of subjects, after this, it received a large influx of candidates. I firmly believe that if we are faithful to it, we shall receive the same grace from our dear Lord. In case you have not already been told - last year during our retreat in July, we had no postulants and no demands for entrance. Father Meinrad, the Benedictine who preached our retreat told Mother Rose Mary that we would receive postulants during the year and he told her the number we would receive. Mother would not tell us the number but she said if we reached the number, she would tell us. Miss Mary Donohue whom you so kindly sent us - was the first of the group.



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In January, we received five and on July 24, nine. This made fifteen in all - and when the last postulant had entered, Rev. Mother told us that the number Father had told her was fifteen. We have all been deeply impressed by this. We deeply appreciate all you have done for us and we know that you will continue to help us by sending us subjects when you can.

During the past couple of days, a certain peace has come to me. I am trying so hard to give God all that He is asking - no matter what my feelings are. I am trying to find some little ejaculation which I can use as a constant petition for peace of soul, for complete surrender and for equanimity of disposition. I thought perhaps I could use this as a subject of particular examen - not changing my retreat resolution, however, nor my practice of adoration, but something which would keep me conscious of the complete abandonment and surrender which He seems to be asking of me now. Can you give me any suggestion on this, Father, and how to practice it for particular examen? For my spiritual reading now, I am reading St. Ignatius' Letter on Obedience.

Thank you for the message which you sent through Sister Imelda. She told me much - and from all she said, I realize that God is demanding much of you now. When I see your complete abandonment - and also that of Father Moisan from whom God is demanding much - it is a stimulus to me to try to be more generous in what God is asking of me.

Perhaps you have not yet heard that Mother St. Eugene is ill at St. Mary's Hospital in Kankakee. If you haven't written to her, Father, I hope that you will. She sent you a letter through Father Julian - she waited and waited for an answer. She was not well during retreat - and the week after she left us, they had to take her to the hospital. The doctors discovered that her trouble was shingles. She has suffered much but now seems to be on the mending list. Sister Eleanor's appointment to



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Hot Springs seemed to have an effect on Mother. She was most heroic in her own change - but I feel that all that has been going on during the past year or two was too much for her physical endurance. I hope that you will be able to drop her a word.

Sister Mary Mediatrix is at St. Mary's also. She has not been well during the past year. She was at Mercy in Chicago for several weeks. She sent me a message a day or two ago that she wished to see me.

I fear that my letter has lengthened out very much but perhaps this will make up for the times I have not written. I do want this year to be better than last year, Father, and I do want to give our dear Lord all He is asking of me. Your counsel and your advice have always meant so much to me. The fact that you know my soul as you do, makes it easier to write to you. Although you are busy, I trust that you may find time to write once in awhile. Any suggestions you have to ~~xxxx~~ give me will be deeply appreciated. In spite of my long and ardent longing for the grace of contemplation, it seems farther away than ever. It is so discouraging at times. I have continually to wage war on the faults of my temperament and disposition - and it is so difficult to yield the complete surrender of my will and judgment - yet I do wish it and with all my heart. I know that I can count on your blessing and your prayers. I am enclosing some Mass stipends which I would appreciate your taking care of for me if possible. Assuring you of my deep gratitude for all you have done for me and of my constant prayer for you and begging your blessing, I remain  
Your grateful child in Him

Sister Mary Dolores

Alice Hardy recovered from her severe illness. It looks as though God wishes none suffering from her. She appreciated your letter and prayer.



Ave Cor Mariae!!

Viva Cristo Rey!

Calahorra, Agra de Septiembre de 1949.

R. P. Juan Luis de Ellacuría, O. M. F.

Querido hermano Juan Luis:

No te he escrito días antes

porque he tenido la máquina averiada durante meses y medio, pero que no la

podía arreglar ni tampoco quería entregársela a los mecánicos corredores de

máquinas, porque no me fio mucho. He tenido que desarmarla por completo

y, después de haber fundido en la soldadora autógena algunas piezas inte-

riores, volverla a armar con paciencia.

Que el Señor y el Corazón de María te sigan protegiendo con

su misericordiosa asistencia y dispensación abundosa de gracias y caris-

mas que el Espíritu Santo inspira ubi vult.

La madre, gracias a Dios, está fuera de peligro. Cuando se en-

cuentra conmigo su segunda pregunta es: ¿Selen Juan Luis gurea? y la ter-

cera: ¿Nos, etorriko da bepari, ikusteko? Le he dicho que el próximo año

será muy fácil tu venida. Así lo debes procurar, aunque no fuera más que

siempre, proporcionarte los beneficios del Año Santo y pedirle al Beato Padre

obispo en el momento solemne de su Canonización cuanto quieras... Espero verte

en el próximo año; necesito hablar contigo y largamente.

Estoy destinado a Pamplona como Ministro. He pedido yo el cam-

bio; creo que salgo ganando el mil por cien; lo único que siento es, que

se desvía un poco mi vocación misionera, puesto que ahora no daré más que

tres o cuatro misiones al año, cuando antes me ha tocado por término medio

15 misiones anuales; llevo dadas 73.

Con la muerte del P. Lobo se estrecharon como él muchos de mis

proyectos, que ahora quedan enterrados, esperando una mañana de resurrec-

ción.

Muy interesante: Como te anunciaba en mi anterior carta (aunque

ya en cuatro sin que merezca contestación) a Mary Pere la solicitaba de

novia la primera fortuna de Vizcaya y una de las primeritas de España.

Ya estaba casi todo ultimado, cuando le salió un tumor maligno en la ca-



beza y ahora, ese señor se halla grave. Era y es bonísimo y delicadísimo de conciencia, yo me encuentro muy interesado en que se cure y cure del todo; pero, señores designios del Señor. Querido Juan Luis: con tus oraciones, las de esos buenos novicios y de esas otras almas que tanta influencia ejercen en Dios nuestro Señor, por su vida santa, haz lo posible para que, si es voluntad de Dios, se cure, no escatimando para ello, aunque sea el milagro. Figúrate la fortuna de este señor, cuando ha ido un avión expreso a Estados Unidos, con el único encargo de traerle una medicina, que alguien supone ha costado mucho. Le di a Mary Tere una recetilla para el Beato P. Claret. ¡Esa es la última! Las usa la mamá y las he repartido así: 1 a la madre, 1 a Poli, a Marcelina, Juli, Francisco y cuñada; 2 a María, porque la otra vez se quedó sin ninguna y ahora, en compensa; le he dado dos diferentes; con otra me quedo yo; me sobran 3. ¿A quienes quieres que entregue?

Todavía sigo sin saber ni pío del paradero de la máquina. Un caso imprevisito a cualquiera le puede ocurrir; pero, francamente, esto del silencio más absoluto, creo que es muy contraproducente. Soy un so-rrado de la franqueza y claridad en todo. Tú llevas dentro y muy dentro y hasta demasiado lo llevamos, el espíritu de sinceridad. Espero que me escribas en breve, antes de que apte por obrar en consecuencia de ese silencio y misterio. Ya son tres meses largos los que voy esperando. Ten en cuenta que me cuesta mucho tomar una decisión, por lo mismo que me gusta cumplirla sin titubeos. En último término, opino que el silen-cio suele ser capa de cosas inconfesables... me escribiré dentro de pocos días desde Pamplona a donde me trasladaré. Dios mediante, pasado mañana o mejor el Lunes, 12

Estoy muy orgulloso de tí, porque creo que desempeñas el cargo más interesante de la provincia de Estados Unidos, puesto que la actuación del P. Provincial es más externa y dependiente, en cierto modo, el éxito de provinciales y del gobierno, de la formación recibida en el Noviciado. Es decir, del P. Maestro. ¡Qué chocante! Nunca te hubiera imaginado a tí Ministro y te pusieron. Nunca me imaginara que a mí me haría Ministro y voy con ese cargo a Ramplonacreo que para poco tiempo. Adiós y espero tu contestación pronta y precisa, aunque breve.



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Sept. 11, 1949

Reverend Aloysius Allacuria, Capetian Missionary  
Compton, Calif.

Dear Father Aloysius:

Unless my niece, Sister Mary Cecelia has written you ahead of me, I have great news from Sacred Heart Mission, Hopkins Park. Your holy founder Anthony Mary Claret has called one of our boys to follow after him and Willie Jefferson entered St. Jude's on the Feast of the Nativity of Mary. I am told that he is the first colored boy to enter the order and Sr. M. Cecelia and I are very, very proud that he is one of ours.

Maybe you remember, Father Aloysius, that shortly before you left Momence you visited our mission with a group of students who were going on to California with you. We took you on a little tour through the woods and we stopped at the Jefferson home where there were many children.



You spoke particularly to little Willie who was then eight or nine years old and afterward you told me: "Watch that boy, Sister Adelaide, he will do something very fine some day." Willie is a six footer now and he seems to be well on the way of verifying your prediction, though he knows nothing about it. Father Demarais and Father Kelly (our assistant) both say they spoke with Fathers O'Brien and Lavelle and that Willie seems to be perfectly at home and content. During the latter part of July when the boys at St. Jude were told Willie might come, some of them met me and said they would gladly welcome him and treat him well. Let us pray for his perseverance. He may have some difficulty with lessons because he had a very poor teacher in 7<sup>th</sup> + 8<sup>th</sup> grades. (I know that for a fact, I knew the woman.)



J. M. J.  
The Sisters of Charity  
Saint John's Hospital  
Santa Monica, California

Fest of Our Mother of Sorrows.

Reverend and dear Father Aloysius:

Thank you so much for your prompt  
reply and your sincere wishes for  
this holy Fest of Our Blessed Mother.

We will send for you Holy Saturday  
afternoon at one forty five.

Father, may we have a conference? And  
will you please tell us how we may  
best advance spiritually by the proper  
use of the Sacrament of Confession.  
However if you think some other  
subject is more timely for us, please  
use that subject.

We deeply appreciate your prayerful remembrance.  
Sincerely yours in the Heart of Christ, Sister Ann Raymond







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September 21, 1949

Dear Father Mayssine,

In August I wrote to you at length concerning my spiritual life. This I did in fulfillment of advice given me in June, when I last talked with you. Because of your promise to write I naturally hoped to receive some word from you and, the fact that I have not has caused me no little concern. I am just wondering if, by any chance, my letter has been intercepted.

Many questions have arisen in my mind



regarding this and I am praying that it is only a minor item that has kept you from writing.

Our Dear Lord has been very generous with me since the early part of August, however, the rush and the many added duties that naturally accompany the opening of school, have proved to be a great distraction. In spite of this I have tried to keep close to our Lord but occasional failures have crept in; such as violations of silence and listening to uncharitable remarks. These have been few yet, never-the-less, I am ashamed of them as you have warned me against such and, with the grace that have been given me, I should do better,



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in fact, I will do better in the future.

With the exceptions of my worry over your not receiving my letter, I have had great peace of soul, and my desire for perfection and holiness are steadily increasing. Union with Him is my only desire, all others have been put aside.

Two and a half years ago I came to you with my horrible difficulties. Now it seems possible that so great a change could take place in this short time?

Strange, but I feel a greater need of your help as time goes on. Perhaps this is because I now see myself in a different



light, I do not know, but the fact remains.  
I do need direction and I fear terribly to be left  
without it.

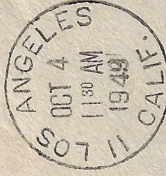
If it is possible, may I hear from you?

Please continue your good prayers for me.  
Devotedly in the Sacred Heart,

Sister Mary Virginia



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Sept. 30, 1949

Reverend and dear Father Aloysius:

As a member of your Heart of Mary Guild, Mrs Flocca, our president, has encouraged me to write to you and tell you about a new and interesting experiment I have been working on.

Some weeks ago a friend of mine in Hollywood told me about a plan to have the Rosary said on the radio each night and asked me to help her and her group.

Since it meant a chance for me to serve our Blessed Mother in a very humble position, I accepted.

I am happy to report to you that the program seems to be going along very well. However, Father Conroy, assistant Pastor, Christ the King Parish, our Director, hopes to obtain broadcasting time on a larger network as soon as possible. At present, the program reaches to Los Angeles only and many of the outlying districts have very poor reception. Father Conroy hopes to remedy this matter when enough money is gathered to meet the extra cost involved.

The program has been enthusiastically received by hundreds of people and many have been kind enough to write and tell us so.

We hope our dear Mother will be pleased with our humble efforts to bring the Holy Rosary into the homes of Catholics and non Catholics every night.



Dear Father, will you pray and ask our dear Lady to bless our efforts so that we may reach more and more families over the network. We are hopeful that through the nightly recitation of the Rosary we will draw closer to our Lord and his Holy Mother so that perhaps someday He will grant our miserable, unhappy world a true and lasting peace.

Sincerely yours in Christ

*Margaret Fleming*



Oct. 6, 1949

Pax Christi!

My Father in Christ:

Three weeks ago I was very worried about something (which was cleared up last week) and I asked Rev. Mother to see if you could come. However our Lord did not will it and He solved my difficulty in another way. Then, Father, as our Holy Mother told us occasionally to speak with a priest other than our Confessor, and to be quite frank - I was furnished for a talk with you - I asked again. Again our Lord said "no" - since you did not come. This time I have a big "God reward you" to say, for it was the means of offering a real sacrifice to Him.

But, I have been thinking, perhaps He would prefer more complete detachment (if it is an attachment), and more complete abandonment to His Providence in providing someone to talk to. To be candid - I don't know what I'll do in Long Beach. Here there are a couple to speak with on spiritual things, but there -? I ask your prayers, Father. I want to give our Lord everything. If that is the kind of poverty He desires at the present, I'm quite willing. But I'm puzzled, as I am not sure.

Since I last wrote in August I have been in dryness which has ranged from ordinary aridity to what I call "stupidity" and painful aridity when my only prayer is or can be "O God, my God."

And now, my Father, once again, and for the last time (if such be our Lord's will) I ask your



prayer and your blessing.

You may be sure of my prayers for you.

Your grateful and unworthy child  
in Christ

Minion of Jesus Dr.

P.S. If Rev. Nathan calls for me have occasional  
you any inconvenience; I ask your pardon, I'm sorry.